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HALLOWEEN HAPPENING AT CITY HALL

The City of Sammamish invites you and your little ones to take part in an enjoyable, safe and dry trick-or-treat adventure. Join the fun at Sammamish City Hall on Wednesday, October 31, from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

You will be trekking through City Hall along a defined start and end route, with over 30 opportunities to collect treats and toys. The offices and hallways will be decorated head-to-toe to offer families a great experience as they walk through the building. This event was created specifically with younger children in mind.

The City of Sammamish's Halloween Happening presenting sponsor is Glass House Dance. For more information, please visit: <https://www.sammamish.us/event?id=48590>




WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31
3 - 4:30 PM

HALLOWEEN HAPPENING

TREK THROUGH CITY HALL FOR A FUN,
SAFE, AND FREE TRICK-OR-TREAT
ADVENTURE

Presented by
GLASS HOUSE

APPROPRIATE FOR ALL AGES



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

On August 23, the City Council appointed Larry Patterson to serve as Interim City Manager for the City of Sammamish. Mr. Patterson comes to us with over forty years of municipal experience and was previously City Manager for Bend, Oregon, as well as several other Oregon communities. We are lucky to have Mr. Patterson on board during this time of transition.

Our City Council now faces a critically important task – searching for and selecting a permanent city manager. We are preparing to undertake a nationwide recruitment with the assistance of an executive search firm. The search firm will work collaboratively with City Council, City staff, and what I hope will be the residents to identify what's most important in a prospective city manager. The next steps will include advertising the position, interviewing applicants, and narrowing down the candidate pool. We anticipate this extensive process will require about six to nine months to complete.

Recruitment of a permanent city manager is a high priority for the Council as we continue to tackle important issues like traffic and stormwater management, as well as growth in our town center area. I encourage all residents to stay informed and engaged throughout the process. To do so, please consider emailing Council, signing up for City updates via the website, or meeting in person with myself or other Councilmembers.

I hope all of you will enjoy a wonderful holiday season and happy new year!



Interim City Manager Larry Patterson



Mayor Christie Malchow

A YEAR OF VOLUNTEERING

A big thank you to all our 2018 volunteers! This year, volunteers worked to remove invasive species like blackberry and ivy from our parks, helped put on special events such as Fourth on the Plateau and National Night Out, built and maintained trails in Evans Creek Preserve and Beaver Lake Preserve, and kept our streets clean through the City's Adopt-A-Road program. With over 50 City volunteer events each year, there are lots of ways to get involved. Check out upcoming volunteer opportunities at <https://bit.ly/2DqUdAt>.





A VERY MERRY SAMMAMISH

Come join the City of Sammamish as we kick off the holiday season with a festive and family-fun event. Featuring a variety of activities, food and entertainment throughout City Hall and on the Plaza, this year's Very Merry celebration will take place on Friday, December 7, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

For this event, we fill the Plaza with holiday lights and invite Eastside Fire & Rescue to display a fire truck playing holiday music. Come experience stage performances from local school choirs while artificial snow falls underneath the pergola. There will be booth vendors offering prizes, games and treats for the family to enjoy, and food will be available for purchase.

One of the most anticipated activities of Very Merry is the petting zoo, which offers camels, alpacas, sheep, rabbits, guinea pigs and many more! Craft stations and face painting will also be offered. The traditional tree lightning will take place at 6:00 pm inside City Hall.



The City of Sammamish's Very Merry presenting sponsor is Glass House Dance, and event sponsors are BECU and Melanie Smith Studios. Please consider bringing a toy to donate onsite to Toys for Tots.

If you are interested in being a commercial vendor at the event, please contact cjordan@sammamish.us.

CITY BUDGET UPDATE

The City of Sammamish is currently developing its two-year budget for 2019 and 2020. The City's financial health is strong, with the City Manager's proposed budget projecting operating revenues necessary to fully fund continuing operational services for the next two years without levying any new taxes. There is caution over the long term, as capital needs and funding

projections, as well as desires for additional projects, will decrease projected ending balances. City Council invites your input on these prioritization discussions. At present, the City Council is scheduled to hold budget hearings on Thursday, November 6, at 6:30 pm. Residents are encouraged to attend and share their thoughts with their elected councilmembers.



Katherine L. Wright is an artist and architect. Her art captures the spirit and the legacy of a dwelling; the memories that live inside. She is a native of Seattle, Washington, a professional architect and illustrator, who specializes in residential portraits. Her passion is being out in nature, art, architecture, plein air painting, travel, and Italy.

ARTS AROUND TOWN

Sammamish Arts Commission presents:

The Gift of Place

The Artwork of Katherine L. Wright

October 8, 2018 – January 4, 2019

Artist Reception

Thursday, November 8, 2018

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

City Hall Commons Gallery

Free and open to the public

Sammamish Arts Showcase

The Sammamish Arts Showcase has outgrown its City Hall space, so the event will not be held in 2018. The Sammamish Arts Commission will instead use their time to plan for future events with the help of an advisory panel. Next year's Arts Showcase will be held at Central Washington University in late September. Call-of-Artist invitations will be sent out in March. For more information, please go to <https://bit.ly/2OdWPWR> and contact cjordan@sammamish.us if you're interested in becoming a sponsor for this event.

FOUR WAYS YOU CAN HELP PREVENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

In King County, an estimated one-third of all residents will experience some form of domestic violence in their lifetimes—and no community is immune to its far-reaching impact. On October 2, the Sammamish City Council issued a proclamation recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness month. The City is doing its part to raise awareness by installing purple light bulbs throughout City Hall in remembrance and support of victims and survivors.

In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness month, here are four ways you can help prevent domestic violence:

1. Practice Healthy Relationship Skills: Learn about the skills necessary to practice healthy communication with others. Talk about what healthy relationships mean to you with those in your life and model respectful behavior in all of your relationships.

2. Be Supportive: If you think someone close to you is being abused, ask them about it and offer your support. If you think someone you know is being abusive, talk with them about their behavior and encourage them to seek help. Continue to check in and remain connected and supportive.

3. Stay In The Conversation: Help to share the movement against domestic violence. Speak up to stop attitudes and

behaviors that oppress others. Be a source of information about domestic violence.

4. Learn About And Share Resources: Everyone has a role to play in creating healthy, safe and vibrant communities. Visit www.lifewire.org to find out how you can get involved locally and make a difference.



WE'RE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Public Works Project Construction Updates for Fall 2018

SE 4th Street Improvements

The City is making improvements to SE 4th Street from 228th to 218th. Improvements include sidewalks, bike lanes, street lighting, landscaping, roundabouts, and sewer and water main upgrades. We anticipate this project will last through Spring of 2020. The road is now open to traffic, but there will be times where only one lane is open. Please watch for flaggers managing traffic and keep aware of our message signage and alerts for the occasional periods of construction when access is impacted.

Zackuse Creek Fish Passage Stream Restoration Project

The City has completed the installation of a new culvert along East Lake Sammamish Parkway just south of the Louis Thompson Road intersection. The remaining items include planting of the new alignment of Zackuse Creek and final paving along the Parkway. This project is scheduled to be completed in October to provide a new and stable breeding area for the Lake Sammamish Kokanee just in time for spawning season. Watch for periodic lane closures as the project reaches completion.

Sahalee Way Stormwater Tightline

Did you know that Sahalee Way slid down the hillside in the late 80's? When it did, the County reconstructed the roadway with underdrains to collect groundwater and carry it to the eastern hillside. The City has spent the last few years cleaning the underdrains and constructing a pipe system for easier maintenance and control of the ground water. This project completes that system and installs the final piping to carry the water down the hillside to Evans Creek, preventing erosion. This project is under construction now, so anticipate construction traffic entering and leaving Sahalee Way just north of the 37th Way Intersection.



The new Zackuse Creek Streambed

228th Turn Lane Extensions

The City will continue to construct left turn pocket extensions along 228th through the end of the year. Turn pocket extensions allow additional vehicles to move out of through lanes during periods of heavy traffic. Locations include NE 8th, NE 4th, SE 8th, and the entrance of Discovery Elementary. Expect to see intermittent lane closures between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm until the project is completed.

228th Flashing Yellow Signal Upgrade

The City is upgrading additional traffic signals to include a flashing yellow option for left turns. The locations for these upgrades include the intersections of 228th at NE 12th, NE 8th, Main Street, SE 4th, and SE 10th; Sahalee Way at NE 37th Way; and East Lake Sammamish Parkway at Louis Thompson Hill Road. These projects require a day to close the intersection signal and switch over to the new improvements. When this occurs, expect to see a uniformed police officer controlling traffic through the intersection.

Louis Thompson Hill Road Slide Repair

The City is constructing a new retaining wall to repair slope damage below Louis Thompson Hill Road at 210 Pl SE. A new culvert and other storm drain modifications will help address flooding and prevent erosion into upper Zackuse Creek. Construction has begun on this project with the installation of the new storm drain improvements. The retaining wall construction is expected to begin in early November. Expect lane closures and possible roadway closures when the wall construction begins. For up-to-date information, be sure to look out for message boards as you approach the project.



Laying Asphalt on SE 4th St



GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY— JOIN A CITY COMMISSION

City of Sammamish is actively seeking interested residents to fill positions on the Planning Commission, Arts Commission, and the Parks & Recreation Commission.

The Sammamish Arts Commission advises the City Council on matters of art. The Arts Commission also sponsors programming open to the public to further develop community interest in the fine and performing arts. The Commission meets on the third Monday of every month at 6:30 pm. More information and application material for the Arts Commission can be found at <https://bit.ly/2xOlqas>.

The Planning Commission is an advisory group to the City Council on issues relating to the City's Comprehensive Plan, land use ordinances and regulations. Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of every month. More information and application material for the Planning Commission can be found at <https://bit.ly/2R3G6Ea>.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is an advisory group to the City Council and staff on matters relating to planning, acquisition, development and operation of park facilities and recreation programs within the City. They meet the first Wednesday of every month. More information and application

material for the Parks & Recreation Commission can be found at <https://bit.ly/2DwQW2z>.

The Human Services Commission acts as an advisory group to the City Council, providing guidance on how best to meet the human service needs of the City. The Commission makes recommendations on topics related to human services priorities and funding. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month. More information and application material for the Human Services Commission can be found at <https://bit.ly/2P0Sq6v>

All commission and board meetings are open to the public and are held at Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Avenue SE. The meetings generally start at 6:30 pm. All position terms will begin on February 1, 2019. Most open positions have a term of 4 years, although some openings may be filling vacancies and may have terms of shorter duration. In addition to meetings, there may be other duties associated with serving on a commission.

To apply, please visit the City's website at <https://sammamishwa.civicweb.net/Portal/BoardApplication>. For more information contact manderson@sammamish.us. The deadline for submitting applications is November 30, 2018.

CITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 20
Volunteer for Salmon Habitat
10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Monday, October 22
Arts Commission Meeting
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Saturday, October 27
Volunteer at Zackuse Creek
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Wednesday, October 31
Halloween Happening
3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

NOVEMBER

Monday, November 5
City Council Study Session
6:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Tuesday, November 6
City Council Office Hour
12:00 pm to 1:00 PM

City Council Regular Meeting
6:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Wednesday, November 7
Parks and Recreation
Commission Meeting
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Thursday, November 8
The Gift of Place- Artist Reception
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Monday, November 12
Veteran's Day (Observed)-
City offices closed

Tuesday, November 13
City Council Joint Study Session w/
Parks and Recreation Commission
6:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Wednesday, November 14
Sammamish Youth Board Meeting
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Human Services Commission Meeting
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Tuesday, November 20
City Council Regular Meeting
6:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Thursday, November 22
Thanksgiving—City offices closed

Friday, November 23
Thanksgiving—City offices closed

Monday, November 26
Arts Commission Meeting
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

DECEMBER

Saturday, December 1
Styrofoam Recycling Event -
Discovery Elementary
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Monday, December 3
City Council Study Session
6:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Tuesday, December 4
City Council Office Hour
12:00 pm to 1:00 PM

City Council Regular Meeting
6:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Wednesday, December 5
Parks and Recreation
Commission Meeting
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Friday, December 7
Very Merry Sammamish
5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Tuesday, December 11
City Council Study Session
6:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Wednesday, December 12
Human Services Commission Meeting
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Tuesday, December 18
City Council Regular Meeting
6:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Wednesday, December 19
Sammamish Youth Board Meeting
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Tuesday, December 25
Christmas Day—City offices closed

**All meetings and events are at City Hall, unless otherwise noted. Times, dates, and locations are subject to change. Please check the city website for the most current information.*

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